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METHOD, DECODING DEVICE )  
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INFORMATION PROCESSING )  
SYSTEM AND METHOD )

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Japanese Published Patent Application No. 2002-159009 is cited on page 4 of the specification and an English abstract is attached.

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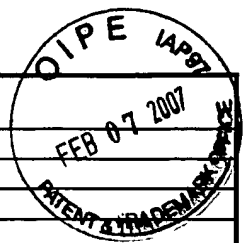
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